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## **Flood Response Update**

**Wednesday, 6/8/11**

**June 8, 2011 –**

Assistant Fire Chief Dan Stolinski provided the following information on flood response activities at the daily 10:30 a.m. press briefing:

- The Missouri River water elevation level is currently at 30.33 feet. The Flood stage is 29 feet. A 2 foot rise (32feet total) is expected between now and Noon on Saturday , June 11<sup>th</sup>. Over the next week the water level is expected to continue to rise.
- The earthen berm addition at the Waste Water Treatment Plant is nearing completion. 200-300 city employees continue to work on this project that began May 28, 2011. Once again, the berm, when finalized, will be 7 football fields long (2100 ft.) consisting of 3000 truck loads (45,000 cubic yards) of dirt.
- It is anticipated that John J. Pershing Road North from Dick Collins Road will have to be closed. There is a chance that North River Drive will also have to be included in the road closure. This situation is currently being monitored by the Omaha Police and Douglas Country Sheriff's departments.
- There are three main planned activities for the next 24-72 hours.
  1. Finish the addition to the berm to a height of 42 feet at the Waste Water Treatment facility.
  2. Continue to monitor the levees for any signs of damage.
  3. Continue to monitor the areas behind the levees for any water table increases.
- The Douglas County Emergency Management Agency has sponsored a new website dedicated to flood information. Interested parties should go to [www.omahaflood.org](http://www.omahaflood.org).
- Residents seeking answers to flood-related questions can also call 2-1-1.

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